

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2020 Increase Recycling Working Group Meeting

Present: See Attachment A

Next meeting: November 9, 2020, 10:00am

Prepared by: Elizabeth Moore, DEEP

I. Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting started at 1:00pm.

Co-chairs Laura Francis, First Selectman, Town of Durham and Ben Florsheim, Mayor, City of Middletown provided welcoming remarks, introductions, housekeeping rules and an overview of the Increase Recycling Working Group as part of the CCSMM initiative process.

II. Committee Reports

The co-chairs outlined the goals of the working group meeting. The meeting was intended to: take a look at existing systems and discuss what increase recycling systems are working and what needs improvement; develop materials for municipalities to plan for additional options; and identify local groups to become partners in working to identify and implement these solutions to increase recycling efforts in Connecticut.

The co-chairs also shared “boxed up” solutions for options that are low-cost and convenient for municipalities to implement. These included: textiles collection, swap shops and the CT WRAP program for plastic film collection.

Based on received public comments and suggested topics, the meeting focused on approaches to support municipal recycling leaders and the Bottle Bill.

Brooke Nash, Branch Chief, Municipal Waste Reduction Program, Mass DEP presented on Municipal Support and Regional Efforts at MassDEP

A panel composed of the following representatives presented on Bottle Bill experiences and best practices:

Jules Bailey, Chief Stewardship Officer, Oregon Beverage Recycling Collaborative presented on Oregon’s Bottle Bill: A Cooperative Approach

Michael Noel, Government Affairs Manager, TOMRA presented on Key Principles of High-Performing Deposit Return Systems

III. Roundtable

There was opportunity for Q&A of the panelists. Members were interested in how the MassDEP structure of municipal assistance compares with Connecticut as well as opportunities for regional approaches to supporting municipal recycling coordinators.

Members were also interested in the industry involved in the public-private partnership in Oregon's Bottle Bill program, handling fees, recovery rates and contamination rates in Oregon compared to Connecticut. Discussion also focused on green job creation and COVID-19 impacts on Oregon's Bottle Bill system.

Another question asked about mixed deposit rates and nips collection. Glass collection options were also discussed. Others asked about barriers to updating and implementing best collection practices in Connecticut.

The co-chairs shared a list of topics for upcoming meetings and discussion. Members were asked to respond to a poll asking what topics should be discussed at the next meeting. The poll suggested the top two interests were in source-separated glass and shared services. Other top choices were supporting transfer station capacity/ satellite collection system options, banning single use plastics, and public space recycling efforts.

Laura Francis raised the question of COGs as the organizational structures which might allow for housing regional recycling coordination efforts. Other regional groups and partnerships like HRRAs were suggested as ways of organizing recycling assistance.

The group also discussed barriers to Bottle Bill modernization efforts in Connecticut. Members described the need for leadership at the local level to act as effective advocates to bring forth municipal support for updates at the legislative level. The lack of materials management leadership at the municipal level was noted, as well as cost barriers to establishing recycling coordinator positions. Laura Francis encouraged the group to consider how to communicate the cost savings element of these initiatives.

Other discussion included next steps, including a request for municipal participants to meet to discuss ideas and suggested topics for upcoming meetings.

IV. Public Comment

Members of the public were asked to use the "chat" feature to indicate if they wanted to make a comment or send comments to DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov.

No public comments were received.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:56pm

Attachment A.

Attended	User Name (Original Name)			
Yes	Chris Nelson - DEEP (Chris Nelson)			
Panelist Details				
Attended	User Name (Original Name)			
Yes	Barbara Bettigole - Sharon/Salisbury (BarbaraBettigole)			
Yes	Barbara Bettigole - Salisbury/Sharon (BarbaraBettigole)			
Yes	Kim O'Rourke- Middletown (KimO'Rourke)			
Yes	Michael Noel - SPEAKER (Michael Noel)			
Yes	Robert Samek - Old Saybrook (RobertSamek)			
Yes	Robert Samek - Old Saybrook (RobertSamek)			
Yes	RobertSamek			
Yes	Yvonne Bolton - DEEP (yvonne bolton)			
Yes	Janice Ehle/Meyer - RiverCOG (JaniceEhle/Meyer)			
Yes	Theresa Christenson - Harwinton (TheresaChristenson)			
Yes	James Albis - DEEP (James Albis)			
Yes	Dom DelVecchio - Durham (DomDelVecchio)			
Yes	DomDelVecchio - Durham (DomDelVecchio)			

Yes	Jules Bailey - SPEAKER (Jules Bailey)			
Yes	Peter Brunelli - DEEP (PeterBrunelli)			
Yes	Jim Brinton - Washington CT (JimBrinton)			
Yes	Brooke Nash - MA DEP (SPEAKER) (Brooke Nash)			
Yes	Ed Mone - Thomaston (EdMone)			
Yes	EdMone			
Yes	Raymond Drew - Torrington (RaymondDrew)			
Yes	Chelsey Hahn - DEEP (Chelsey Hahn)			
Yes	Caren Harder - DEEP (CarenHarder)			
Yes	Jennifer Heaton-Jones - HRRRA (Jennifer Heaton- Jones)			
Yes	Jessica Paladino - Norwalk (JessicaPaladino)			
Yes	PaulAresta			
Yes	PaulAresta			
Yes	Paul Aresta - CEQ (PaulAresta)			
Yes	PaulAresta			
Yes	PaulAresta			
Yes	Jennifer Baum - HRRRA (JenniferBaum)			
Yes	Brian Bartram - Salisbury/Sharon (BrianBartram)			
Yes	JamesTherrien			
Yes	Gabrielle Frigon - DEEP (Gabrielle Frigon CT DEEP)			
Yes	Ali Ghiorse - Greenwich (AliGhiorse)			
Yes	Carl Amento -SCRCOG (CarlAmento)			
Yes	Carl Amento - SCRCOG (CarlAmento)			
Yes	Cyril May - Waterbury (CyrilMay)			
Yes	Elly Moore - DEEP (Elly Moore)			

Yes	Laura Francis - Durham (Laura Francis)			
Yes	Ben Florsheim - Middletown (Laura Francis)			
Yes	Sherill Baldwin Tab (Sherill Baldwin Desk)			
Yes	Julie Deschamps - Greenwich (julie deschamps)			
Yes	Kimberly Chatey - East Granby (KimberlyChatey)			
Yes	SallyDavies			
Yes	MyraKlockenbrink			
Yes	Carey Hurlburt - DEEP (CareyHurlburt)			
Attendee Details				
Attended	User Name (Original Name)	City	State/Province	Organization
Yes	Barbara Bettigole	Lakeville	CT	Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee
Yes	Kim O'Rourke	Middletown	CT	City of Middletown CT
Yes	Ernie Argenio	Shelton	AL	TOMRA
Yes	John Pizzimenti	Enfield	CT	Murphy Road Recycling LLC
Yes	Melissa Biggs	Dayville	CT	DNB Lobby
Yes	Robert Samek	Old Saybrook	CT	Old Saybrook Waste and Recycling Task Force
Yes	Robert Samek - Old Saybrook			
Yes	Janice Ehle/Meyer	Essex	CT	RiverCOG
Yes	Theresa Christenson	Harwinton	CT	Town of Harwinton
Yes	Linda Kowalski	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC
Yes	Brian Sullivan	Hartford	CT	Przybysz + Associates Government Affairs
Yes	Brian Sullivan			
Yes	Dom DelVecchio	Durham	CT	Durham/Middlefield Transfer Station
Yes	Peter Brunelli	Hartford	CT	CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP)
Yes	Jim Brinton	Washington	CT	Town of Washington

Yes	kevin spinella	new britain	CT	Gaffney Bennett and Associates
Yes	kevin spinella			
Yes	Ed Mone	Thomaston	CT	Town of Thomaston
Yes	Ed Mone - Thomaston			
Yes	Raymond Drew	Torrington	CT	City of Torrington
Yes	HENRY LINK	HARTFORD	CT	ENVIRO ENERGY
Yes	Michael Bzdyra	Hartford	CT	Murtha Cullina LLP
Yes	Michael Bzdyra			
Yes	Caren Harder	Hartford	CT	DEEP
Yes	Kenneth Przybysz	Hartford	CT	Przybysz + Associates Government Affairs
Yes	Kenneth Przybysz			
Yes	April Regan	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & Recycling
Yes	Ashley Muspratt	northampton	MA	CET
Yes	Ashley Muspratt			
Yes	Thomas Strahle	Southington	CT	Pepsi Bristol
Yes	Jessica Paladino	Norwalk	CT	City of Norwalk
Yes	Lisa Fecke	New Britain	CT	Gaffney, Bennett
Yes	Karen Weeks	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC
Yes	James Woulfe	Farmington	CT	The Connecticut Group, LLC
Yes	James Woulfe			
Yes	Josh Hughes	West hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting
Yes	Paul Aresta	Hartford	CT	CEQ
Yes	Paul Aresta			
Yes	Paul Aresta			
Yes	Paul Aresta - CEQ			
Yes	Paul Aresta - CEQ			
Yes	Brennan Georgianni	Washington	DC	Plastics Industry Association
Yes	Jennifer Baum	Brookfield	CT	Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority
Yes	Brian Bartram	Salisbury	CT	Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station
Yes	Luis de la Parte	Rocky Hill	CT	SACYR
Yes	Mallory Daley	Old Saybrook	CT	Hughes & Cronin
Yes	Mallory Daley			
Yes	Hillary Glass	Hartford	CT	RSG
Yes	Becky Bunnell	Fairfield	CT	SFTF
Yes	James Therrien	Old Saybrook	CT	Town of Old Saybrook
Yes	James Therrien			

Yes	Ali Ghiorse	Greenwich	CT	Greenwich Waste Management Committee
Yes	Carl Amento	North Haven	AL	SCRCOG
Yes	sean hughes	Old Saybrook	CT	Hughes & Cronin
Yes	sean hughes			
Yes	Cyril May	Waterbury	CT	Waterbury Public Works
Yes	julie deschamps	Greenwich	CT	Greenwich Recycling Advisory Board
Yes	julie deschamps			
Yes	Kimberly Chatey	East Granby	CT	East Granby Department of Public Works
Yes	Sally Davies - Greenwich (Sally Davies)	greenwich	CT	Greenwich recycling advice board
Yes	Myra Klockenbrink - Greenwich (Myra Klockenbrink)	Greenwich	CT	Town of Greenwich Sustainability Committee
Yes	Bud McAllister	New London	CT	Partners in Healthy Communities
Yes	Carey Hurlburt	Hartford	CT	CT DEEP
Yes	Eric Fredericksen	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & recycling
Yes	deb denfeld	Manchester	CT	Fuss & O'Neill Engineers Scientists & Planners
Yes	Mike Martone	Hartford	CT	Murtha Cullina LLP
Yes	Evan Bruning	Boston	AL	Serlin Haley LLP